

**Fall-Winter 2009  
Renewal 2010**

**Indiana Water Well  
Drilling Competency  
Exam Schedule: 2010**

**February 19th  
April 16th June 11th  
& August 13th**

Drillers or employers who inquire about an upcoming exam will be provided a packet including the license application, reference forms & study materials. A reminder notice with the location information and any additional instructions will also be mailed or emailed one week prior to the exam date.

Exams will take place at the Indiana Government Center South, and will begin promptly at 1:30 pm. The room opens at 1:00 pm for a voluntary question and answer session beforehand. The exam fee of \$25 is due at the time of the exam. Please arrive early to allow time for processing paperwork and payments, and bring a government issued photo id. Candidates who pass the exam have one year in which to apply for an initial license, supply the required references (two of which must be from a licensed driller or plumber familiar with the applicants work), and pay the \$100 license fee. Licenses expire on December 31st of each year and are not pro-rated. Questions? Please contact Monique Riggs at 317-232-4160. Thank you!

# Driller's Bits



## It's that time again—Annual License Renewal is Here!

Renewal time for the Indiana Licensed Driller is once again around the corner. This is a reminder that all driller licenses expire on December 31st of the year they were issued. Applications for 2010 renewal will be mailed out mid-November. Your signed application is required for annual renewal, but license renewals do not require reference statements or employment histories be provided.

If your most recent license expired on December 31, 2008 and you did not renew it for the 2009 license year, and you wish to remain licensed in the future, you have until December 29, 2009 to

apply and pay for the 2009 license. You still must have a 2010 license before drilling in the 2010 calendar year.

If you do not obtain a license for the 2009 license year, you cannot later renew your license status for the 2010 license year by simply paying the fee.

When a year or more has passed and you haven't renewed your license, it is considered to be lapsed and you will be required to re-take the written competency exam in order to be re-licensed. Avoid this inconvenience by renewing promptly and keeping your license up to date.

Please advise the Division of Water of any changes in employment, address, or phone number so that your renewal information and any other communication from the Division reaches you in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, or are in need of further assistance, please call the Division of Water at 317-232-4160 or toll free at 877-928-3755.

Or, call our Water Rights & Use Call Center at 317-234-1087. The call center is always ready to help you locate a water well record, provide variance numbers, or answer general inquiries.

## Great Lakes Compact—Permits Necessary for New High Capacity Wells in Great Lakes Basin (continued page 2)

In February 2008, Indiana signed into law the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact that became effective for all eight Great Lakes states and two Canadian Provinces on December 8, 2008. The Great Lakes Compact was adopted into Indiana Code 14-25-15; establishing various permit requirements for new or increased withdrawals, consumptive

uses, and diversions of Great Lakes Basin water. The Great Lakes Basin in Indiana includes the Lake Michigan, St. Joseph, and Muamee River Basins; located in the Northwestern and Northeastern parts of the State. In accordance with IC 14-25-15-07, a permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will be required for a new or increased withdrawal of surface

water and/or groundwater from the Great Lakes Basin in excess of the following, calculated on average over any ninety (90) day period:

\*Five million gallons from Lake Michigan surface water;

\*One hundred thousand gallons from a salmonid stream;

\*For any other surface or ground-

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water source, one million gallons.

In addition, the Compact states that all new or increased diversions from the Great Lakes Basin are prohibited, except public water supplies for communities that straddle the basin boundary, or communities that are located in counties

that straddle the boundary. Interbasin transfers of water within the Great Lakes Basin can also be evaluated for approval. For more information regarding the provisions of the Compact, please visit the Great Lakes Compact webpage at :

[www.greatlakescompact.in.gov](http://www.greatlakescompact.in.gov)  
For questions regarding the

Compact or diversions from the Basin, please contact Mark Basch of the Division of Water at 317-232-0154.



Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The Indiana Well Driller Competency Exam will be administered Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 10:00am during the Indiana Ground Water Association Bi-Annual Convention November 9-10, 2009 Sheraton Hotel, Keystone at the Crossing Indianapolis, IN 46240 Ph: 888.443.7336 or 317.889.2382 Fax: 317.889.3935 [www.indianagroundwater.org](http://www.indianagroundwater.org)

**Point Of Interest: Indiana's Updated Water Shortage Plan**

The drought experienced in Indiana in 1988, while well short of the drought of record, still had significant impacts in Indiana. In response to the 1988 drought the Indiana General Assembly under HB 1260 charged the Department of Natural Resources with the development of a plan that would respond to future water shortages. The Department, with input from a wide variety of stakeholders, prepared the 1994 Water Shortage Plan. In the 2006 Legislative Session, the General Assembly, under SB 369 added Indiana Code 14-25-14 that created a new Water Shortage Task Force in order to update, expand, and revise the 1994 Plan. A diverse and experienced group of professionals were appointed for the project and completed the following tasks:

- 1) Development and distribution of a Suggested Model Ordinance with regard to community water conservation
- 2) Review and modified Drought Trigger Mechanisms;
- 3) The determination of Water Shortage Identification Areas;
- 4) Establishment of Statewide Baseline Streamflow Policy; and
- 5) The establishment of Water Use Priorities.

Several additional tasks were also addresses by the Water Shortage Task Force in accordance with IC 14-25-14, and the updated Water Shortage Plan was completed in July of 2009. A copy of the updated Water Shortage Plan can be viewed at the following link:

[www.in.gov/dnr/3124.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/3124.htm)

For questions regarding the Plan, please contact Mark Basch of the Division of Water at: 317-232-0154 Thank you!